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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF EPA ADMINISTRATOR, HONORABLE RUSSELL E.
TRAIN, TO IRAN

PLEASE PASS TO: MR. ESKANDER FIROUZ, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT
OF THE ENVIRONMENT, P.O. BOX 1430, TEHRAN, IRAN

1. AM DEEPLY DISTRESSED THAT IMMINENT SENATE CONSIDERATION
OF MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION MAKES IT IMPERATIVE
THAT I CANCEL MY PLANS TO VISIT IRAN. THE SENATE IS NOW
PLANNING TO BEGIN DEBATE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CLEAN AIR
ACT ABOUT MAY 5. MAJOR NATIONAL ISSUES SUCH AS EMISSION
STANDARDS FOR AUTOS AND STATIONARY SOURCES WILL BE UNDER
CONSIDERATION. MY PRESENCE WILL BE REQUIRED HERE FOR
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS CONGRESSIONAL
LEADERS DURING THIS PERIOD. I AM TERRIBLY APOLOGETIC
FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE WHICH THIS CHANGE OF PLANS MAY
CAUSE YOU. I PERSONALLY REGRET GREATLY THE CANCELLATION
AS I HAVE LOOKED FORWARD WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION TO
MEETING WITH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT AND BOTH MRS. TRAIN
AND I HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF VISITING IRAN.

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WE STILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR

VISITING THE U.S. AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE AND HOPE
YOU WILL LET ME KNOW SHOULD THIS POSSIBILITY ARISE.
FOR MY PART, I STILL HOPE THAT THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT
IRAN WILL OCCUR AGAIN.

2. SIGNED RUSSELL E. TRAIN, ADMINISTRATOR, ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY. ROBINSON

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